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(54) **Objective lens for pickup and light pickup apparatus**

(57) An objective lens for use in an optical pickup apparatus to record or reproduce information in an optical information recording medium, comprises an aspheric surface, wherein the following conditional formula is satisfied:  $1.1 \leq d1/f \leq 3$  where  $d1$  represents axial lens thickness and  $f$  represents a focal length.

FIG. 1 (a)

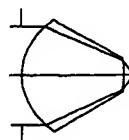
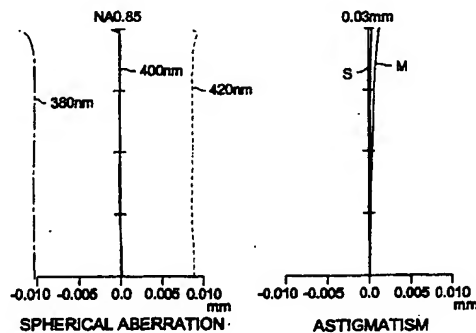


FIG. 1 (b)





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